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SUBJ: LOCKHEED AFFAIR

1. VICE CHIEF OF ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) DR. FERDINANDO LI DONNI, ACCOMPANIED BY INP CHIEF OF INTERPOL OFFICE, DR. ANTONIO FARIELLO, VISITED DCM MARCH 3, 1976.

2. LI DONNI STATED HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ITALIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND ITALIAN JUDICIARY AND REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR FROM ALL APPROPRIATE US SOURCES. HE NOTED ITALIAN JUDICIARY AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO PROCEED AGAINST ALL PERSONS IN ITALY POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES THIS MATTER.

3. AS PRELIMINARY STEP, LI DONNI REQUESTED AUTHORITY FOR DR. FARIELLO TO VISIT U.S. AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS FOR PURPOSE OF PAVING WAY FOR A LATTER VISIT TO U.S. OF ITALIAN JUDICIAL OFFICIALS WHO WOULD WISH TO INTERVIEW KEY INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS LOCKHEED OFFICIALS, SENATOR CHURCH, ETC. WHO MIGHT AID THE INVESTIGATION OR WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN SOME CRIME
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IN ITALY.

4. DCM ASSURED LI DONNI HIS REMARKS WOULD PROMPTLY BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUCH A VISIT TO U.S. BY DR. FARIELLO IS POSSIBLE. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE U.S. LEGAL SITUATION IN THIS AFFAIR WAS EXPLAINED TO THE ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FARIELLO VISIT BE AUTHORIZED. HE WOULD, HE SAID, WORK THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A SUITABLE OFFICIAL BE DESIGNATED TO MEET FARIELLO AND SERVE AS A CENTRAL CONTROL AND COORDINATING POINT IN SETTING UP ALL APPOINTMENTS FOR FARIELLO WITH OTHER AGENCIES, AS WELL AS WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS LOCKHEED OFFICIALS.

6. REQUEST EARLY RESPONSE AS ITALIANS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE REPLY THIS WEEK IF POSSIBLE. VOLPE

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